HOMEWOOD NPD ZONE TREE CUT-ONLY PERMIT APPLICATION Ordinance 2818
(revised 12/9/2021)

Tree Address:_____

Date Application Received in Office: _____

This application is for the removal of _____ qualifying tree(s) from a single lot. (*A non-invasive tree with a diameter at breast height of 6" or more is a "qualifying tree". A list of invasive species trees is maintained by the Alabama Invasive Plant Council).* **How many of these trees are diseased or dying?_____.**

Property Owner

Name of property owner (print)_____

Address of property owner (if different from tree address)_____

Property owner's phone number_____ e-mail_____

Tree Service

Company Name (print)_____

Company address_____

Contact name or agent (print) _____

Contact phone number _____email _____

Homewood Business License Number_____

1. Is an acceptable **Tree Inventory** showing the Minimum Tree Density (MTD) of the lot attached with this application? _____. If no, then a plan must be submitted prior to acceptance of the application. A Sample Tree Inventory plan is given for informational purposes on page 26 of the Tree Ordinance, #2818, or see next page for step-by-step plan directions.
2. Is a non-refundable application fee of $75 included with this application? _____. If no, then the fee must be submitted prior to acceptance of the application.

Property owner's signature

Signature _____
By signing you attest you fully understand that, if approved, the permit can only be issued to a business that is licensed in Homewood to perform tree removal. If you remove the tree(s) prior to the issuance of a permit, you will be subject to penalties as provided in the ordinance. You also attest you understand you must plant or replace trees proposed in the submitted MTD plan within 120 days or be subject to a five hundred-dollar ($500) penalty per tree, per sec. M of the ordinance.

Licensed Tree Removal Business Representative's Signature

Signature _____
By signing you attest you fully understand that, if you remove the tree(s) prior to the issuance of a permit, you will be subject to, not only penalties as provided in the Zoning ordinance, but also possible revocation of the company's business license.

City Arborist's Approval for Permit Issuance _____

Date _____

Arborist's Comments (if any)

How to Calculate and Create a Minimum Tree Density (MTD) Plan as Required by Ordinance no. 2818

Step 1: Create a site plan showing the footprints of all structures, hard surfaces and the locations of all trees. Label all the existing trees with their botanical names and their Diameter at Breast Height (DBH). Calculate DBH by the following formula: Measure the circumference of each tree at 4 ½' above the ground. Divide the circumference by π (3.14). That is the DBH. *Removal of a tree with a DBH of less than 6" does not require a permit.*

Step 2: Determine the square footage of the lot by multiplying average length by average width (or you may find it in the legal description on the property survey; or on the Jefferson County parcel look up website).

Step 3: Convert square feet to acres by dividing square footage of lot by 43,560. (1 acre=43,560 square feet).

Step 4: Determine square footage of the footprint of the primary structure and the **required driveway*. Subtract those two amounts from the total lot square footage. That is your MTD acreage.

Step 5 : Multiply MTD acreage by the following factor that applies, rounding each major fraction upward to an even number of trees. That will be your **Minimum Tree Density**.

a) 0 to 1 acre: **16** required trees per acre
b) >1 to ≤5 acres: **20** required trees per acre
c) Greater than 5 acres: **24** required trees per acre

Step 6: Calculate the difference between your MTD and the actual number of trees. If your actual number of trees is equal to or greater than your required MTD, then no further action is required. If your actual number of "qualifying trees" is less than your required MTD, then add to your submitted plan the locations, botanical names and sizes of all proposed trees to be planted to come into compliance along with a date by which the new trees will be planted.

*The "*required driveway"* is only the amount of driveway required by the Homewood Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance requires that every dwelling unit shall be provided with off-street parking for 2 vehicles. That translates to roughly 324 square feet which may be deducted as a *"required driveway".*